

922 KAR 1:410. Family Preservation Program.

RELATES TO: KRS 200.509(3), 200.575-200.595

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 194A.050(1) requires the Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to operate programs and fulfill responsibilities vested in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. This administrative regulation establishes standards for the Family Preservation Program. It places in topical form the intensive home-based services, to the extent funds are available, designed to prevent the imminent removal of a child from his home or to promote the return of a child to his home.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Cabinet" is defined at KRS 200.010.

(2) "Family Preservation Program" or "FPP" means a family preservation services program as described at KRS 200.575 and 200.585.

Section 2. Eligibility and Referral. (1) A child referred to the FPP shall meet criteria pursuant to KRS 200.590(1).

(2) A child shall be referred to the FPP by:

(a) Cabinet staff; or

(b) A regional interagency council pursuant to KRS 200.509(3).

(3) The child referred to FPP shall have at least one (1) parent willing to work with the FPP.

(4) The family of the child referred to FPP shall agree to referral to the FPP.

(5) The safety of the child shall be maintained, in accordance with KRS 200.575(3) and 200.590(3).

(6) The FPP shall be offered to a family only if the cabinet determines that it would be more effective than other existing programs or resources.

(7) An emergency custody removal of a child shall not prohibit a referral for FPP.

Section 3. Family Preservation Services. The FPP shall:

(1) Initiate contact with the family within twenty-four (24) hours of referral;

(2) If space is available in the FPP within seventy-two (72) hours of referral:

(a) Complete an assessment of the family situation and the program's ability to maintain family safety and permanency; and

(b) Confirm that the family is willing to participate;

(3) If the FPP determines that the family is eligible and out-of-home placement may be safely prevented, accept the referral and initiate FPP service;

(4) Make every effort to stabilize the family;

(5) Develop goals with the family;

(6) Teach necessary skills to the family;

(7) Encourage necessary familial change in order to alleviate the need for out-of-home placement during the crisis;

(8) Expend funds, to the extent available, to enhance the success of the intervention;

(9) Link a family to other available community resources as needed to assist that family to maintain the child safely in the home;

(10) Provide intensive services, at least weekly, to assist the family to maintain the child safely in the home; and

(11) Conduct follow-up contact with the family at three (3), six (6), and twelve (12) month intervals after termination of FPP service, in order to assess the safety of the child and the family. (27 Ky.R. 262; 1023; eff. 10-16-2000; TAm eff. 10-27-2004; TAm eff. 1-27-2006.)